

WATSON INTEREST IN MORTON MURDER CASE

Boston Police Incline to the Belief That Mason Is Not Guilty of the Crime.

Every Possible Clue Being Worked Out, But So Far the Mystery Remains Unrevealed.

BOSTON, Nov. 7.—In the developments of the day in the Mason case, which has puzzled the police of Boston since Miss Clara A. Morton was stricken down and killed in Waverly last Saturday, there are several striking details. No further evidence, however, has been added which tends to incriminate in the case Alan G. Mason, the member of a prominent family who is under arrest on the charge of murder. In fact the police are inclined to the belief that Mason stood out clearer in the light of an innocent man because of the failure of Joseph Nemser, the west end jeweler, to identify Mason as the man who had offered for sale Miss Morton's watch last Saturday night.

An important detail in connection with the disposal of the watches was the establishment tonight that the signatures on the checks kept on file by the jeweler, who have been written by one and the same person. This confirms the story that the two women were murdered by the same man. Another late incident was the arrest on suspicion tonight at Waterbury of a young mulatto, who was brought here, but Jeweler Nemser failed to identify him. The man was released.

Intense Interest.

So serious has the case become that Governor Crane has interested himself, and he looked over the scene of the murder while on a visit today to Waverly.

Prompted by the finding in a pawnshop here of the watches of Agnes McPhee and Clara Morton, the two women who have been murdered in this city, the police are pressing with all their energy to place, if possible, the responsibility for the crime on the man who was seen to have a negro employed by the Mason family has gone away from the city and the police cannot ascertain where he is. It was a negro who was seen to have a negro employed by the Mason family has gone away from the city and the police cannot ascertain where he is. It was a negro who was seen to have a negro employed by the Mason family has gone away from the city and the police cannot ascertain where he is.

A Coincidence.

An apparent coincidence was noted today in connection with the pawning of both the McPhee and Morton watches in that the address given in the McPhee case was 23, Green street, and in the Morton case the same number, 23, in Greenwich street, was given.

In probing the case at Waverly, the state police have found evidence that Mason had made at least two attempts to have women meet him at night at "The Oaks," a section of the Metropolitan park recently closed. In the McLean insane asylum, where Mason was a patient, and on the grounds where Miss Morton was killed, the state police failed to identify Mason. At the jail Mason was placed among six other men and Nemser carefully scrutinized each one. He picked out one man as the person who pawned the watch, but it was not Mason.

Pawnbroker Exicted.

During the day the attention of Chief Warr was called to a public interview between Nemser and reporters, in which Nemser said that he was paid to stick to his story that a mulatto sold the watch. The chief said: "That is perfectly outrageous. The story is all both. Nemser was told that he would be paid for closing up his shop and for going about with the officers to help them on the case. He will be reimbursed also for what he gave for the two watches. He is a poor Jew and very much excited, and he told me that he was besieged by so many reporters that he did not know what he was saying or what he had said."

Chief Warr's statement that Nemser hardly knew what he was saying seems to have been based by the fact that he told the police positively today that the man who pawned the McPhee watch was a white man, and later admitted that he might have been a colored man—in fact, he rather thought he was.

A similar change of opinion was noted in connection with the man who Nemser said tried to pawn the Morton watch on Saturday night. At first the pawnbroker was very positive that it was a negro. Then he said that he was of light complexion and might have been a mulatto. Later he admitted that he might have been a Spaniard or an Italian.

A Strange Negro.

The story that a strange negro was in Waverly Saturday was made known by a woman who lives in Winchester, and who, at Porter's station, Cambridge, on the Boston and Maine railroad, saw a negro purchase a ticket for Waverly.

WADSWORTH MAY BE TRIED FOR MURDER

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 7.—Private Arthur Wadsworth of the Eighteenth regiment, N. G. P., who shot and killed William Durham while the regiment was on strike duty in the anthracite coal fields at Shenandoah, was placed under arrest today by Constable Shortall of Schuylkill county, who held the warrant for him since the finding of the coroner's jury on the death of Durham. Later, in the state supreme court, Deputy Attorney General Fleitz presented a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, stating that Wadsworth was illegally restrained, the shooting having been done while Wadsworth was acting in the discharge of his duty. This is the first time in the history of Pennsylvania that the supreme court has ever been asked to decide such a point.

WILL IT COME TO THIS?



THE CHIEF—Pass right out, Mr. "Smith." My menials simply made a mistake.

MEASURES OF RETALIATION

Colorado Democrats Do Not Propose to Be Robbed by Revolutionary Republicans—Lively Times Anticipated When the Legislature Meets.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 7.—Judge Munger of the United States court today refused to grant Letson, Balliet, known as the "mining king," a new trial and sentenced him to pay a fine of \$1,000 and to serve one year in the county jail. Balliet was convicted last spring of using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes. In 1900 he purchased what is known as the "White Swan" mine in Baker, Ore., which had been deserted by the original owners, and immediately began to exploit the same through newspaper advertisements and sold stock on the monthly payment plan. It was shown on the witness stand at the time of the trial that over \$180,000 was received by Balliet from small investors from all over the United States. It was also shown that not a dollar was expended upon the mine, although representations were made to the contrary in his advertising matter. Balliet gave notice of appeal. The case has been tried twice and has cost the government fully \$50,000.

SAFE BLOWERS TURN A TRICK IN IDAHO

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 7.—Safe blowers visited Rathdrum, Ida., last night. The general merchandise store of M. J. Wright was entered and the knob knocked off the safe, powder-filled in and clothing packed about it to deaden the noise. Two or three muffled explosions were heard by neighbors, who came out to investigate but discovered nothing. It is believed the safe blowers worked for several hours and departed in safety. This morning it was discovered the safe had been wrecked, several hundred dollars' worth of jewelry stolen. The losses are believed to be from \$700 to \$1,000. Several suspicious characters have been seen about the town recently. Mr. Wright has offered a reward of \$100 each for the capture of the safe blowers.

ANTI-SEMITES STORM SOCIALIST QUARTERS

Vienna, Nov. 7.—Riotous disturbances marked the election in the Favoriten district today of members of the landtag (or provincial assembly). Anti-Semites stormed the headquarters of the committee of the socialists and a fierce fight ensued. The rioters were charged by mounted police and forty of them were arrested. Many received severe wounds.

The anti-Semites carried the election by a majority of 30 out of a total poll of 13,000. The clerical now hold the representation of Vienna in the landtag.

SHOUP A CANDIDATE.

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 7.—Ex-Senator Shoup issued an address to the public today announcing his candidacy for the United States senate.

ELECTION BETS PAID.

New York, Nov. 7.—Election bets amounting to \$200,000 were paid today in Wall street. The Democratic tilt of contesting caused the delay in settling the wagers.

TWO YEARS IN PRISON.

Prague, Bohemia, Nov. 7.—Alois Muelbacher, Peter von Schlecht, had been on trial since Oct. 27, charged with trafficking in forged patents of nobility, and sentenced today to two years' imprisonment.

HIS CONDITION PRECARIOUS.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The condition of Richard Townsend of this city, who was badly injured yesterday by being thrown from his horse, is reported to be tonight. Though he was apparently better this morning, the fever returned as the day wore on, and has greatly weakened the patient.

WAR ON CURB TRADING.

New Orleans, Nov. 7.—The New Orleans cotton exchange today inaugurated a movement to stamp out curb trading when it passed a notice to enforce the rule which outlaws future contracts made outside of exchange hours, and to fine members who violate the rule.

NOTED SINGER DEAD.

Rome, Nov. 7.—Lily Dunton, the singer of Boston, Mass., died suddenly today of gasitis at Brescia, Lombardy, in a hospital.

NEGRO UNDER ARREST

Charged With Having Murdered Mrs. Gilbert Dennis, a Washington Dressmaker.

Washington, Nov. 7.—Richard Cole, a colored porter, 20 years old, was arrested today and committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury on the charge of committing the assault on Mrs. Gilbert Dennis, a well known dressmaker, at her home in this city over ten months ago. Mrs. Dennis died from her injuries about a fortnight ago without recovering sufficiently to talk rationally. Justified Van Brakle, colored, formerly proprietor of the Brunswick hotel, testified today before the coroner's jury that on March 15 Cole had said something to him to the effect that he (Cole) would be a happy man if Mrs. Dennis was dead, and also had said once, when he looked over his shoulder, "Yes, if you had your mind what I have on my mind you would look worried, too."

Van Brakle said Cole made statements regarding the reason why he did not care to visit the sick woman, among other things that Mrs. Dennis might say something which would open the investigating in the west.

NOT EASILY REPLACED

Quartermaster General Ludington Favors Retaining Transports For Future Use.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The annual report of General Ludington, quartermaster general, a review of the work done by his department during the year. The most interesting feature is his recommendation that the transports, in view of the desire in some quarters to dispose of them. He says that the ships are fitted up in the best possible manner for the transportation of troops and that representatives of foreign nations have asked for the plans of the fittings with a view of improving their transports. The reports continue:

"Nearly every ship sailing from Manila had on board about 100 sick who were provided with every attention and comfort in the transport hospitals that would be found in any well regulated hospital ashore."

Of the many thousands of persons who have been transported on the vessels of the army transport service since its inception, not one has been sacrificed by reason of any fault in the fittings or accommodations upon the army transports.

"In view of this excellent record, and of the experience of the department in its futile efforts to secure suitable commercial ships for the transportation of troops, and the fact that when withdrawn from active service transports cannot be readily replaced by other vessels, I am firmly convinced that, even though circumstances should permit the withdrawal of the transports from regular line service to the Philippine islands, it would be wise policy to retain a sufficient number of transports as part of the equipment of the army to be economically maintained and kept in readiness as to be promptly available for any emergency which may arise requiring the transportation of troops on the ocean."

MAD MULLAH STILL HAS ON HIS WAR PAINT

Berbera, East Africa, Nov. 7.—Colonel Swayne, formerly British commander in Somaliland, who has been recalled to England, is ill. He started for home today.

General Manning, who succeeds Colonel Swayne as commander in the mulah, but he is hampered in his efforts by the fact that the country has so few resources and the consequent necessity of awaiting supplies.

DECISION AGAINST THE FRENCH MINERS

Paris, Nov. 7.—The government arbitrators today announced their decision against the miners of the Pas de Calais striking miners in the department of Du Nord. The grounds of the decision are similar to those in the Pas de Calais arbitration, namely, that the rates are proportionate to the selling price of coal. The large companies in the Nord have agreed to establish pension for a term of five years.

At Lens there was a clash today between strikers and cavalry, the former throwing bricks at the soldiers. Gendarmes who intervened were also assaulted with bricks. One soldier was injured and three arrests were made.

Throughout the Pas de Calais district the strikers are making noisy demonstrations.

PREMATURE EXPLOSION.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 7.—Augustus Rapps and L. Benneck were killed and Patrick Doyle, Harry Crook and William Sanders were badly injured today by the premature explosion of a blast in a cut which was being made in the St. Louis, Kansas City & Colorado road is building west of Union, Mo., sixty miles from St. Louis. The five men were under a mass of stones and dirt.

EVACUATION OF SHANGHAI.

London, Nov. 7.—It has been finally decided that the details and conditions of the evacuation of Shanghai by the troops of the United States will be adjusted subsequent to the actual evacuation, which will, as previously agreed upon, take place at an early date.

THE KAISER ACCEPTS.

Washington, Nov. 7.—Count Count, in charge of the German embassy, has officially notified Secretary Hay of the acceptance by the German government of the invitation to participate in the St. Louis exposition.

NO SIGNS OF LIFE.

St. Francisco, Nov. 7.—The French bark *John Cordonier* reported having sighted off Cape Horn the Russian ship *Lotus*, dismantled and abandoned with the forest set and main and mizen masts off at the deck.

REBELS OUT OF AMMUNITION

Matos and Rolando Compelled to Retreat.

STREAK OF LUCK FOR CASTRO ARE SLAIN WITHOUT MERCY

FEDERAL ARMY HAS NOW ASSUMED THE OFFENSIVE.

A VICTORIA, Venezuela, Nov. 7.—News has been received here concerning the retreat of the revolutionaries. It is to the effect that on the night of Nov. 1 the revolutionists withdrew from their positions near La Victoria and San Mateo because they were without ammunition. The fact that the rebels lacked cartridges caused a disagreement between General Matos and General Rolando, which was followed by hot words. General Rolando declared that the shortage of ammunition was the fault of General Matos, and that if the success of the revolution was endangered by this condition, General Matos alone was responsible. He said that all was lost and, with his followers, about 3,200 men, he withdrew from the body of the rebels in the direction of Alta Gracia. It is reported that General Rolando proclaimed "El Mocho" Hernandez as the leader of the revolution.

President Castro, since he discovered the revolutionists only retreated because they had no cartridges, ammunition has caused them to be pursued day and night by government soldiers.

The latest report issued by the government says that General Matos, General Mendoza and Riera and their commands are fleeing in disorder in an effort to reach the mountainous districts. These generals are supposed to be near Barrera, a point twelve miles from the lake of Valencia.

Guerrillas in the service of the government near the scene of disorder. Castro certain records belonging to members of General Matos' personal staff, as well as the general's personal correspondence. The contents of these papers give evidence of the critical situation of the leaders of the revolution.

It is difficult to understand the apparent sudden and complete collapse of the revolutionary movement. But a few days ago the rebels seemed to be on the verge of victory. While their cause seems absolutely lost, President Castro, having sent his men in all directions to cut off the retreat of the enemy, left here today for Caracas. The government soldiers who are following the rebels scored their first success this morning by the capture of General Ramon Luis, who was making his way in the direction of Alta Gracia with 300,000 rounds of ammunition and 4,000 men to reinforce the revolutionists.

From here President Castro will go to Los Teques, which point was abandoned by the rebels. It is expected that the president will go by rail to Caracas, arriving there Sunday morning. He will undergo a two month's stay at the government.

IRISH WOMAN CAST INTO A PRISON CELL

Dublin, Nov. 7.—Mrs. Annie O'Mahoney, the first woman imprisoned under the criminal act during the present campaign, was arrested at Waterford this morning and sent to jail where she will undergo a two month's sentence. Mrs. O'Mahoney, who is proprietor of the Waterford Star, refused to furnish bail to guarantee that she would cease the publication of boycotting notices. "H. P. Lyan, editor of the same paper, was also arrested and sent to jail for a similar term."

CASTRO'S POSITION IS STILL PRECARIOUS

Paris, Nov. 7.—The foreign office today received an official dispatch from Caracas saying that President Castro was unable to send a minister to Paris, owing to the present disturbed condition of Venezuela. Diplomatic relations between the two countries have been suspended for the past eight years. France being temporarily represented by a chargé d'affaires at Caracas. Owing to the present revolution France desired to establish a minister to Venezuela, but recently addressed President Castro suggesting that the French minister would assume his post when the Venezuelan minister Francisco was appointed. To day's answer is regarded as indicating that Castro's position is too precarious to warrant any one of prominence accepting the post.

AFTER BRAGG'S PLACE.

Havana, Nov. 7.—The Cuban press is at present making a campaign for the appointment of Frank Steinhart as United States consul general at Havana. Mr. Steinhart has had charge of the department of military records. It is understood that President Palma has intimated to Washington that Mr. Steinhart would be persona grata to the Cuban government.

INSTRUCTIONS WERE SENT.

Havana, Nov. 7.—President Palma is authority for the statement that instructions regarding the drawing of the commercial treaty between the United States and Cuba have been sent to the Cuban minister at Washington, Senor Quesada. Senor Palma says he has every reason to believe that Senor Quesada was in consultation last Monday with Secretary Hay with regard to the treaty.

A REPUBLICAN CLAIM.

Guthrie, O. T., Nov. 7.—The official returns tonight indicate beyond a doubt the election of B. S. Maguire, Republican, delegate to congress, over W. M. Cross, Democrat, by a majority of about 300. Tonight the secretary of the Republican committee issued a statement announcing Maguire's election.

CALLED ON ROOSEVELT.

Washington, Nov. 7.—Eugene E. Schmitt, mayor of San Francisco, made a social call upon the president today. He expressed the hope that San Francisco will be afforded the opportunity next year to entertain the president when he made his trip to the north coast of Ohio against the rebels.

NEWSPAPER LOTTERY SCHEME IN COURT

CINCINNATI, O., Nov. 7.—In a case dealing with newspaper guess- ing contests, the superior court today handed down a decision dismissing the petition of Samuel Stevens praying for a receiver. The demurrer is sustained. The court holds that such contests are within the statute of Ohio against lotteries, gambling, wagering or betting. The court further holds in regard to the money paid on them: If the contract was illegal, any one who seeks to rescind it after election comes too late to be heard, for the reason that the contract has been executed wholly or in part. Further, the court holds that such a bill as the one passed on cannot be filed in equity on behalf of others who are not dissatisfied. A court of equity also will not assume jurisdiction where there is inadequate remedy at law. The superior court has no jurisdiction in an action at law to recover 50 cents. The attorney for the plaintiff reserved exceptions and stated that he would decide soon whether he would take the case higher.